Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 25 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021 at 03:03 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a trend to less changeable conditions, lower for timing and extent of areas of cloud and occasional rain.

Headline for Wednesday 24 Feb 2021: Mainly cloudy with occasional light rain in the morning then brighter and mainly dry in the afternoon. Windy with severe summit gales and high wind chill.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
30%	40%	20%	10%	10%	10%

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Weather: A rather cloudy morning with some mostly light showery rain, then brighter and mainly dry in the afternoon and evening with sunny then clear interludes, though still the odd shower over Creag Meagaidh and the Monadhliath.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% in morning, improving to 80% through afternoon.

Visibility: Cloud will be quite extensive through the morning above around 400-600m but will lift from the west from mid to late morning with most, if not all summits becoming cloud free in the afternoon. Generally good visibility below the cloud base, but turning hazy in showery rain.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	58/71 SW	54/67 SW	48/63 SW	43/56 SW	41/53 SW	37/49 SW	39/52 SW
900	59/70 SW	54/66 SW	46/58 SW	41/53 SW	37/47 SW	35/45 SW	37/48 SW
600	38/48 SW	36/47 SW	32/44 SW	29/40 SW	23/34 SW	24/35 SW	25/38 SW
300	21/46 SW	21/45 SW	21/43 SW	18/38 SW	14/33 SW	14/32 SW	16/35 SW
Glen	8/35 SW	8/35 SW	10/36 SW	10/34 SW	8/28 SW	8/27 SW	8/28 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-1/-12	-1/-11	-1/-11	-1/-10	-2/-11	-2/-12	-3/-13
900	3/-6	3/-6	3/-5	3/-5	2/-5	2/-6	0/-8
600	6/-1	5/-1	6/-0	6/-0	5/-1	4/-2	3/-4
300	7/3	8/3	9/5	8/5	7/3	6/2	5/0
Glen	8/5	9/6	11/7	10/6	7/4	6/3	5/1
Freezing Level*	1300m	1300m	1300m	1100m	1100m	1000m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Sunshine, albeit limited, likely to give glare off the remaining snowpack. Goggles will offer best protection against this and the strong winds.

Forecast for Thursday 25 Feb 2021
Weather: A cold and windy day with scattered snow showers. Showers falling as snow above 600-700m and rain and hail below this. Some bright or sunny interludes between these, especially through the afternoon as showers tend to fade, and Strathdon seeing the best of the dry weather. A dry evening.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 40 gusting 60mph, decreasing a little through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30% morning, 60% afternoon.

Visibility: Mainly good, but some brief reductions as showers pass through. These could bring cloud down to 600-800m in the west but generally cloud will be broken with higher bases, especially in afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 rising to Plus 8C.
At 800m: 0C.
Freezing level: 800m.

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